

"handle their bats, and show how games are won,"
 "reat good humour was prevalent throughout the
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RAYMOND TERRACE REGATTA.

Abridged from the Montreal Mercury (Yesterday).

On Monday the long looked for regatta took place
 on Raymond Terrace. It had been postponed from
 New Year's Day to Anniversary Day, on account of
 the unattractiveness of the weather. The morning of
 this eventful day was ushered in by Mr. Shaw; a
 salute of nine guns, fired by the Terrance, was
 so fired to welcome the Fenella on her arrival, and
 throughout the day the cannons at intervals were fired
 announcing to the spectators either the start or finish
 of a race. The attendance was the numerous how-
 ever as the inducement offered would warrant us to
 think. At eleven the cannon announced the start for
 the first match.

First Match.—For Amateur Skiffs pulling a pair of
 oars. Fenella, 50; entrance, 12s.; second boat saves
 her prize money.

Iron, William McPherson 1
 Cannon, James McPherson 2
 Fenella, Robert Jacob 3
 W. McPherson came in a winner by about eight
 lengths.

Second Match.—For all boats pulling a pair of
 oars (wager boats excepted). Fenella, 50; entrance,
 1s.; second boat saves her entrance.

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st prize, £2; second prize, £1; entrance money, 10s.

1. John Clayton; John Hiltchison; James M'Donald, coxswain 1

2. David Luck; Harvey, Burgess; Harvey, coxswain 1

3. J. Macnamara; C. Casey; H. Cadell, coxswain 3

4. J. Macnamara; C. Casey; H. Cadell, coxswain 3

Fifth Match.—For all boats (wager boats excepted) sailed by a pair of oars, with steersman. Prize, £8; entrance, 16s.; second boat saves her entrance.

1. Buchanan, H.; Buchanan, D.; Buchanan, coxswain 1

2. John Phelps; J. Cadell; Thomas Mitchell, coxswain 2

3. W. Pherry, H. Thorepout; J. Jacob, coxswain 3

4. J. Macnamara; C. Casey; H. Cadell, coxswain 3

Sixth Match.—First Sailing Match, for all boats (wager boats excepted). Prize, £8; entrance, 16s.; second boat saves her entrance.

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PREVENTION OF FIRES AND TILE NEW SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT.
In a notice in the Sydney Morning Herald.
 To—The editor of your paper of the very serious and destructive fire which occurred a few days ago at the store of Messrs. Foss in Pitt-street, it is stated that the origin of the fire still remains a mystery.
 But the origin of the fire still remains a mystery.
 Regarding this remark, a question would seem naturally to suggest itself—Ought it to remain so?—In other words, is it consistent with the public interest at the origin of the fire referred to should continue to be a mystery? And if, as there can be little doubt, it should be a mystery, and if, as there can be little doubt,

away the obscenity and of solving the question that was the cause? From the narrative of the sequence in your journal, it appears that the value of the property destroyed is \$10,000, which is covered by an insurance to the same amount. On such occasions unreflecting people sometimes claim "Oh! not much harm has been done, the property is insured; it is the insurance office that therefore is burdened with the loss of the property." But a moment's consideration will suffice to show the fallacy of this remark, and that in truth the public at large, for whose use these goods were provided, is clearly dammed to the extent of \$10,000 by their irrecoverable loss; not to mention the fact that property to ten or twenty

at jeopardy. It is hardly requisite that we should ascertain the present misfortune was not caused by our own fault; for if it were, we should precisely to that extent be enabled to decrease the chances of its recurrence, and thus throw an additional safeguard over the lives and properties of our fellow-citizens.

The question then follows: "Well, how is it to be done?" The reply indicated in the concept of Holy Writ—*"Ye seek, ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."* And the converse is not less obviously true, that unless *ye do seek*, the probability is that *ye will not find*. Such is the principle which has been enshrined upon in the mother-country within these last ten fifteen years. By the ancient common law of England, no man could sue another until he had first sought him.

and the fact that the *Coroner for London & Westminster* (the *Coroner*) was the duty of the *Coroner* to institute an inquest into the cause of death of every person who died a violent death, but also into those of *shipwrecks* and *fires*. The investigation into the last named classes of *inquests* had for some centuries past fallen into disuse, when about ten or fifteen years ago the *inquests* were revived by the present *Coroner* for the City of London; and, although at first as a matter of course they have objected to a few of the wrong-headed reasons (of which, Heaven be praised, we have not the sort in Sydney!), the results have proved so satisfactory and beneficial both to the public and to the insurance offices, that the practice is continued up to the present time, not only in the City of London, but has been adopted or rather re-introduced

that persons of English, whenever a doubt arises as to the origin of a fire. It may, perhaps, be objected that fires are common in the city of Sydney and that it is hardly worth while to take any additional precautionary measures for their prevention, but, whether few or otherwise, no rational person will deny that these few fires have been far too many, if any noticeable means could have been devised to diminish their number or to have prevented them altogether. And that there should be done in this colony to guard, so far as possible, against the misfortune which life and property is always endangered and often irretrievably destroyed? The answer is, a recommendation simply follow in this matter the example of the parent country, as we so frequently have done, to our unquestionable advantage, in availing ourselves of the

ments of his experiments and experience. In the former Municipal Acts for Sydney, and in that now passing through our Legislature, there is a provision with reference to the extinction of fires, and wisely so, inasmuch as it is not only one of the first duties of a municipality to neglect no means of protecting the citizens' against so fearful a visitation; a better opportunity, therefore, for legislating on this subject could not present itself as at the present moment by the introduction into the Sydney Municipal Bill, now under the consideration of the Legislative Council, of a clause of a few lines empowering and requiring the Corporation to hold an inquest whenever a fire occurs within his jurisdiction in which life has been endangered or property destroyed, and the origin of which fire is not well known.

satisfactorily accounted for. "He that hath ears to ear, let him hear!"

CIVIS.

Sydney, January 27th, 1856.

A singular collision on the North-Western Railway between the fog on Wednesday 20th October, though unattended with loss of life, caused immense inconvenience. A goods-train was on its way from Birmingham to London; it consisted of thirty waggons, nine laden with iron, and two "dead" engines in the rear—that is engines not working. Between Birmingham and Wolverton, on an incline, the drawing-engine broke from the train and darted forward; the heavy train descended the decline with ever-increasing velocity.

There was a fearful crash. Pike the fire-man's arm was fractured, and Oscar the driver was mangled. The railway was covered with ruins; both sides of rails were torn up, and the telegraph-wires on each side were broken. The spot where the disaster occurred was a lonely one; but the single breakman rushed to the train, acted with such energy and dispatch that the elevated road was again in operation. For one hour one line of rails was obstructed, and the other was not cleared and got into working order for twenty-four hours. The result may be imagined: train after train was stopped on either line, and detained for many hours; and the passengers suffered from cold, hunger, and a dread of further disasters.

Three Sicilian seamen have been examined by the Portsmouth Magistrates on a charge of piracy and murder. In July last, the prisoners and two other foreigners, who formed part of the crew of the barque above, then in the Black Sea, mutinied, killed two English seamen, wounded others, put aboard the ship, and fled. Two of the three seamen appear to have escaped as yet: the others were captured in Turkey.

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to the season, the Northern Vice-President
of The calmest and most sober account

in manner in which these measures were proposed is almost incredible: it is hardly too much to say that they seem to have been enacted in the midst of an orgy of bribery, violence and clamour. Their life has been as turbulent as the birth of the Republic. The breach between the North and the South made that breach more wide and sore than the Fugitive Slave Law, by bringing into the immediate circle of Northern sympathies, seems for the first time to have a large population of the North to sympathize with slavery. Clergymen from the pulpits of the North, denounced it. Its advocates were opposed with violence as well as with

slaves were rescued from their claimant
court, and sent off to find a shelter be-
flag of England in Canada. Boston
chief city of New England, the birthplace
Republic, was garrisoned with marines
were planted in her streets, and her Co-
was surrounded with chains, in order
give, arrested with a fictitious war
under cover of the night, might be car-
to slavery openly through her streets,
files of armed men. That nothing

wanting to the disgrace of the Puritan chains which kept out her own citizen soldiers were lifted by the Federal Government, on the mere announcement that they were "Southern gentlemen."

So passed on the interval between the moment of the second "compromise"—"Nebraska-Kansas" agitation. In the Mr. Pierce was elected to the presidency. Although nominated by a convention of Southern influence, as usual, largely nominated, Mr. Pierce came into power untrammelled by any public pledges. He came almost without antecedents, and was free to administer the Government in such a way as to reconcile the jarring sections of the country. Inflamed as the Northern feeling had been beginning to grow calm; and the notion of a prosperous and industrious acquiescence in the existing state of things failed to manifest itself. The Fugitive law might easily have been allowed to drop dead letter; for it was found wholly unprofitable to protect Southern interests, and the Southern men had treated it with contempt the very first. But Mr. Pierce seemed surrounded himself with the fiercest Pro-slavery party, and to have lent to all their plans, domestic and foreign. Fillibusters like Mr. Soule were appreciated the American people at the time. "Europe. The notorious framers of the Clayton" were all Southern men who

ception of Mr. Buchanan, whose ad

that occasion to the policy of his Southern leagues doubtless contributed not a little to commend him to the "Nominating Convention at Cincinnati." The President exulted in the Northern feeling agitated by renewed attacks upon the hateful fugitive law; he saw in the country in a state of constant uneasiness, a favorable opportunity to extend his influence, and to vacillating policy of respect to Cuba, and to the chiefs of the extreme Southern party, he had to have set their hearts as soon as their hands were defeated in California; and finally, in order to let loose upon his country the temporal and spiritual thunders to overwhelm her institutions, January, 1854, Mr. Douglas, of Illinois, a leading Northern senator, but himself a slaveholder, and an ambitious leader of the "Slaveholders' Union," introduced a bill to

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Democratic party, brought forward a bill for the organization of the north-western territory. This bill provided for the extension of the Missouri Compromise, and laid down that no slave state or states should be formed in the territory which might "be admitted, with or without slavery."

The pretext offered by Mr. Douglas was a plausible one; that the law left the regulation of all their affairs to the States, and therefore, inferior to the territories also. But unfortunately, this pretext, all the great Constitutionalists have decided in favour of, was not the one which the framers of the Constitution intended to give. The framers intended to give Congress the power to regulate the Territories, and over America beyond the Federal boundaries, in which it existed from the beginning. The Judge Story, in a celebrated case, held that the Constitution had given Congress complete control over the relations of the States, and the Southern States of the Supreme Court had found fault with this decision, because it went to settle for ever the hands of Congress the power of regulating the Territories. Mr. Douglas's Bill was intended to deprive Congress of this power.

this bill of 1854, what a step! At the
 the Republic, the delegate of a slave
 State expressly lays it down, as the
 policy of the Union, that slavery shall
 be confined to its then existing limits; that
 it shall never be recognised as a right
 and never shall be recognised as a
 to be encouraged, or even to be per-
 mitted to grow. At the expiration of just
 seven years from that august time, we find a senator
 of the Free States distinctly declaring
 in the eyes of the American Republic, Slavery

The comments which it might not be to make upon this declaration have been abundance by the people of the North of America.

The Nebraska Bill was passed on 4 March, 1854, the territory having been and Kansas organised under the same act.

The passage of the bill (which had been secured in a great measure by the activity of President himself) excited the utmost indignation and amazement throughout the North. The bill had broken its plighted faith, slavery was re-installed in the territories of freedom and

Northern men, who had before refused to believe the attitude of the South to be a bluff, now began to doubt. The South left them no time to dissipate their doubts. The war came from the North and West, who hastened to the aid of the South.

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on trees and herbage, is only from
The Atmosphere and its Phenomena

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.—In Coleridge's time at Christ's Hospital was ultra-Socratic. Domestic ties were to be put aside. "Bridgemoor remembered Bower saying to him once was crying the first day after his return home on holidays—'Boy! the school is your father's house!'"

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Age Group	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
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15-24	15	14	13	12	11
25-34	12	11	10	9	8
35-44	10	9	8	7	6
45-54	8	7	6	5	4
55-64	6	5	4	3	2
65-74	4	3	2	1	0
75+	2	3	4	5	6

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PIANOFORTES.—Mr. BANKS, Tuner, Repairer, and Regulator, 41, King-street East, near Pitt-street.

W. A. FLOWERS, FRUIT, Ornamental Landscaper, Work, Railed Wood, and Road Work.—Lessons in the above elegant accomplishments in a superior style of art are now given at Berlin House, 254, George-street, Mrs. READING having secured the assistance of an artist lately from England, who will attend ladies at their own residence, if required. Terms and specimens to be seen at Berlin House, 254, George-street.

JUST OPENED, a case of fashionable Willow Bonnet Shapes. The hats are supplied on liberal terms. W. READING, Berlin House, 254, George-street.

L. M. E.—Best kiln-burned screened lime, at 1.9d per bushel. E. J. BLAXLAND, Albion Wharf.

FIREWOOD.—Cut Firewood, in short billets, at 20s. per ton. E. J. BLAXLAND, Albion Wharf.

ASH OATS.—Prime Ash Oats, assorted, remarkably cheap. Victoria Saw Mills, foot of Brink-street.

PAIRAMATTA.—Lime, best screened lime. R. PLUCK, Parramatta.

50,000 FEET HOBART TOWN Scantling, joists, battens, weatherboards, beams, &c., assorted lengths and sizes, delivered very cheap. GODDLETT and CO., Victoria Saw Mills, foot of Brink-street.

TIMBER YARD, foot of Brink-street.—J. H. GODDLETT and CO. have FOR SALE, at reduced prices:—

1000 doors and glazed windows, assorted
30,000 feet 1, 2, and 3 inch
5000 Hobart Town palls, 5 and 6 feet
25,000 feet solid cut red deals
20,000 feet pine and deal lining
20,000 feet fine and deal small scantling
10,000 feet hard pine and deal flooring
30,000 feet joists, scantling, posts, &c., &c.
Pine planks for greenhouses, skylight, &c.
10,000 feet hardwood and pine weatherboards
800 cases slates of Paris
20,000 best Bangor slates, deal battens, &c.
2000 feet galvanized roofing and guttering.
The above very cheap. Victoria Saw Mills, near Phoenix Wharf.

EVERPOOL SOAP, of different qualities, ON SALE. Apply to BRIDGLEY, DEAN, and CO., 178, George-street.

SANAPARILLA FOR SALE, in small cases, half pints, pints, and quarts. JAMES DEAN, Macquarie-place.

DINER SERVICES.—Dinner Services.—Now on the above, just received, ex late arrivals; also a good assortment of toilette ware always on hand. 323, George-street, opposite the Markets.

TO PRINTERS, Compositors, and others.—READING and WELLS have on hand a quantity of 4, 5, and 6s. fine printing ink, lithographic varnish, ultramarine blue for labels. Gold bronze, &c., for sale, at 25 per cent. below English prices. Good quills at 2s. per hundred.

JUST LANDED, and on SALE by the undersigned,—Tarpaulins, 16 x 18 x 28
Curried galvanized iron
Register stoves
Patent chaff cutters, Richmond and Chandler's
Tin plates, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 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